

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Hunter. (1/19)

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2006, supported by Representative Baxter. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair welcomed J. Peter Lark, Chairman, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), who discussed the issue of the MPSC having merger review authority.

Fred Anderson, representing the Michigan Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications, also spoke to the Committee regarding merger approval authority.

Cards in support of merger review authority were submitted by:

Shelly Stahl, representing TDS Metrocom, in support of MPSC authority

Terry Vanderveen, representing Talk America, in support of MPSC authority

Representative Drolet made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:17 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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